

5-Time Winner
National RV Park of the Year
National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds

2009-2010 Winner
Plan-It Green Award
National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds

12-Time Winner
Best of the Beach
Sun News Reader's Choice Awards



250/50
2006
Governor's Cup Winner
SC Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism

3-Time Winner
Premier Recreation Operation
Resort and Commercial Recreation Association

10-Time Winner
Campground of the Year
Myrtle Beach Herald Reader's Award

April 21, 2014

The Honorable Jocelyn D. Boyd
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Ocean Lakes Utility, L.P. Case Docket No. 2013-380-S

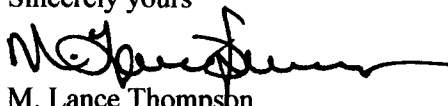
Dear Ms. Boyd:

When the Public Service Commission of South Carolina approved our new rates in January 2014, it included a provision that allows us to pass through, without markup, the increases in wholesale wastewater rates charged by Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority.

Please see the attached copy of the notice we received from Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority advising that effective July 1, 2014 our wastewater cost will increase by \$.05 per thousand gallons. Also enclosed is a copy of Order No. 2014-48. Per Order No. 2014-48 in Docket No. 2013-380-S we will be implementing a \$1.51 adjustment over a two year period with the first being a \$.76 increase effective July 1, 2014. We are adding the \$.05 increase to our sewer rates in July of 2014 to the \$.76 making the total increase to our customers on July 1, 2014 to be \$.81.

We must provide you and our customers a 30-day notice. The notice to our customers will go out on May 1, 2014. Please accept this letter as the official 30-day notice. Furthermore, as required by commission Order No. 2014-48 in Docket No. 2013-380-S, an amended tariff effective July 1, 2014 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours


M. Lance Thompson
Vice President and General Manager

cc: Office of Regulatory Staff
Enclosures

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March 18, 2014

Mr. Lance Thompson
Ocean Lakes Utilities, LP
6001 S. Kings Hwy
Myrtle Beach, SC 29575-4935

Re: Account Number:

Dear Lance:

We will present our budgets and proposed rates to our Board of Directors on March 20th and 21st during our annual Planning Retreat. Since Ocean Lakes' rates change effective July 1, 2014, we wanted to provide you this information in order for you to plan your upcoming budgets. Listed below are Ocean Lakes' current rates, rates we are proposing for fiscal year 2015, and rates we are projecting for the fiscal year 2016.

(Rates per 1,000 gallons)

	<u>Current</u>	<u>July 1, 2014</u>	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
Water	\$1.53	\$1.53	\$1.56
Wastewater	\$3.00	\$3.05	\$3.10

Although these rates do include an increase, GSWSA is working diligently to keep rates as low as possible. Wholesale water and wastewater sales have remained down or flat over the last two years. This reduction in flows as well as the increase in the costs of power, chemicals, fuel and other expenses has impacted our budget. Due to the decrease in flows and cost increases, we have taken measures internally to offset rate increases by holding expenses down as much as possible for the upcoming two-year budgets.

Upon approval of our Board of Directors in June, the above rates will be effective July 1, 2014. Although the fiscal year 2016 rates are projected, these are our targets, which we intend to meet barring any unforeseen circumstances.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide water and sewer service to Ocean Lakes Utilities. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 443-8225.

Sincerely,



Marguerite S. Carroll
Chief Financial Officer

C: Customer File
Jill Nelson
Sylvia Hardee
Susan Jones

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2013-380-S - ORDER NO. 2014-48
JANUARY 14, 2014

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IN RE: Application of Ocean Lakes Utilities, L.P. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for Sewer Services)))))))	ORDER APPROVING PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTION OF WHOLESALE RATE FROM RETAIL CUSTOMERS
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Ocean Lakes Utility, L.P. ("Ocean Lakes" or "the Company") to establish a procedure to pass through to its sewer retail customers the identical amount of any increase in the wholesale rate charged to Ocean Lakes by Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority ("GSWSA"). Ocean Lakes presently serves 2605 sewer customers in Horry County, South Carolina under rates established by Commission Order No. 93-1063. Ocean Lakes has not requested any adjustments to its sewer rate structure since the issuance of that Order.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Clerk's Office, the Company filed a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in its service area. No protests or petitions to intervene were filed. This Commission will proceed to rule without a hearing in this matter, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240(G) (Supp. 2013).

Ocean Lakes purchases all of its wastewater treatment service as a wholesale customer of GSWSA. On March 13, 2013, GSWSA notified the Company that a new increase in Ocean Lakes' wholesale wastewater rate would become effective on the July 1, 2013, sewer billing. The new rate is \$3.00 per thousand gallons, which is a 3.4% increase over the previous \$2.90 rate. Ocean Lakes' current approved sewer rate to its retail customers is \$1.49 per thousand gallons, which is \$1.51 per thousand gallons below the GSWSA wholesale rate.

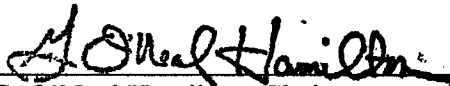
The Company requests that it be allowed to increase its present rates so as to capture the full amount of the wholesale rate being charged to the Company. The Company requests that it be allowed an increase of \$1.51, implemented over the next two years, with a \$.76 increase on July 1, 2014, and the remaining \$.75 starting July 1, 2015. Any subsequent rate increases would also be passed on to the company's retail customers. Ocean Lakes states that, if its request is granted, that it would not need to file a full rate case for several more years. The Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to this procedure.

We have examined this matter and hold that the request of Ocean Lakes is reasonable. Ocean Lakes may pass through, without markup, the increases in wholesale wastewater rates charged by Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority over a two-year period as requested. Ocean Lake shall provide written notification to its customers at least thirty (30) days in advance of implementing a \$.76 increase effective July 1, 2014, and a \$.75 increase effective July 1, 2015. Ocean Lakes shall file an amended tariff with this Commission wherein the Company shall provide written notice to customers at least

thirty (30) days in advance of implementing any future pass through of wholesale wastewater rate charges. Also, at least thirty (30) days prior to implementing any pass through of future wholesale wastewater rate charges, Ocean Lakes shall file with the Commission satisfactory evidence that its wholesale wastewater rate has been or will be increased.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:


Nikiya Han, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)

APPENDIX A

OCEAN LAKES UTILITY, L.P.
6001 SOUTH KINGS HIGHWAY
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA 29575

(843) 238-5636

FILED PURSUANT TO DOCKET NO. 2013-380-S -- ORDER NO. 2014-48
EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2014

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES:

TRANSIENT CAMPSITES

	WATER	SEWER
BASIC CHARGE		
Single Meter	4.38	1.62
VOLUME CHARGE		
(To be charged where meters are available)		
Rate per 1,000 gal.	1.07	2.30

PERMANENT CAMPSITES

	WATER	SEWER
BASIC CHARGE		
Single Meter	8.74	3.27
Additional Meter	.60	
VOLUME CHARGE		
Rate per 1,000 gal.	1.07	2.30
Volume charges are the same for additional meters.		

ACCOUNT SET-UP CHARGE

A one-time fee of \$25.00 shall be charged to defray the costs of initiating service.

RECONNECTION CHARGE

In addition to any other charges that may be due, a reconnection fee of \$35.00 shall be due prior to the Utility reconnection service which has been disconnected for any reason set forth in R. 103-535 or 103-735 of the Rules & Regulations Go Service Supplied by Water (Sewer) Utilities in South Carolina and shall be changed to conform with said rule as the rule is amended from time to time.

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TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION

Any customer may request that service to their property be temporarily disconnected, provided, however that the customer will be charged the monthly base charge for the service period they were disconnected in addition to the reconnection charge.

BILLING CYCLE

Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGES

Any balance unpaid within twenty-five (25) days of the billing date shall be past due. Past due accounts shall be assessed a late payment charge of one and one-half of one percent (1 ½%) for each month, or any part of a month, that said payment is past due.

NON-RECURRING CHARGES

Customers requesting an additional meter will be required to pay a non-refundable \$200.00 installation charge.